

Beyond the Neon

Cultural Affairs Division

City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services

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April 2004

Calendar of Events

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Rainbow Company Youth Theatre

Tales from Hans Christian Andersen

April 2, 3, 8-10 @ 7 pm

April 4, 10, 11 @ 2 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, 229-6211

An enchanting fantasy world awaits audiences of all ages! This sparkling adaptation of four beloved fairy tales is illuminated by song, dance, mime and transformation.

Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 teens & seniors, \$3 children 12 & under

African-American Perspectives on Film

Saturdays, 3 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, 229-4800

April 3 *In Black and White: Three Women Writers* features three short films about authors Toni Morrison, Gloria Naylor and Alice Walker.

April 17 *In Black and White: Three Male Writers* features three short films about contemporary writers Charles Johnson, John Edgar Wideman and August Wilson.

Free admission

On the Divide: The Stories of Willa Cather

Starring Eva Marie Saint and Jeffrey Hayden

Saturday, April 3, 8 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, 229-6383

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Willa Cather wrote stories of life on the prairie that are as timeless today as when first written. Saint and Hayden bring her unadorned, poetic words to life in an inspired, expressive reading that conveys the strength and resilience of our country's pioneers.

Tickets: \$12 performance day, \$10 advance

Jurassic Park Movie Series

Thursdays, 4 pm

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

250 North Eastern Avenue, 229-1515

Computer-generated dinosaurs are the stars of the three Jurassic Park movies. All films rated PG-13.

April 8 *Jurassic Park*

April 29 *Jurassic Park II: The Lost World*

May 8 *Jurassic Park III*

Free admission

Spring Class Registration

Registration April 10-22; classes April 27-June 6

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Classes for adults and children are offered in a wide variety of arts disciplines, including painting, ceramics, dance, instrumental and vocal music, theatre and African cultural arts.

Downtown Cultural Series

David Romero and Kumpakin

Friday, April 16, noon-1 pm

Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse

333 Las Vegas Boulevard South

Dine to Afro-Cuban jazz. Romero has an extensive list of live, CD, television, radio and film credits and currently plays with Wayne Newton. Bring a sack lunch or light refreshments are available. Call **229-1087** for information.

Free admission

Joe Torres

Friday, April 16, 7 pm

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center Ballroom

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Latin jazz performed by Joe Torres, UNLV music professor and head of the university's Latin jazz program.

Tickets: \$7

Poets' Corner

Friday, April 16, 7:30 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Hosted by Keith Brantley and Pendelita Toney, the series features established poets and open mic participants.

Free admission

Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Auditions

The Diary of Anne Frank

Saturday, April 17, 1 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Open auditions for males and females, age 12-adult, for roles in a production opening May 28.

Free

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Las Vegas Wind Quintet

Sunday, April 18, 3 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Guest pianist Barbara Riske joins Dave Hawley, clarinet; Sherrie Parker, flute; Kelly Evans, oboe; Doug Beasley, horn; and Sam Pisciotta, bassoon, in a performance featuring an unusual suite of contributions by Handel, Guilman and Haydn.

Free admission, tickets required

The Family of Man Film Series – A Second Look

Tuesdays, 7 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

April 20 *Life Is Beautiful*

Roberto Benigni's Oscar-winning film is a poignant story of a father's desperate attempt to protect his son from the horrors of a World War II concentration camp. PG-13

April 27 *The Power of One*

Set against the racial strife of 1930s South Africa, a young boy fights against oppression and racial hatred as he grows into adulthood. PG-13

Tickets: \$3

Family Health Fair

Saturday, April 24, 11 am-3 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center Amphitheatre

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Free services provided, including immunizations for children, infants to age 18, mammogram scheduling, blood pressure and HIV testing, glucose screening and more.

Free admission

Old Time Barn Dance

Cosponsored by Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers

Saturday, April 24, 7-10 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Free dance lesson at 6:30 pm followed by callers and live fiddlin' music for square dancing, mixers, contras, waltzes and polkas. No partner or experience needed.

Tickets: \$6 adults, \$5 members, \$3 students & active military, children under 15 free

Arohi Ensemble

Saturday, April 24, 8 pm

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821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

The critically acclaimed quartet uses traditional and contemporary instruments to perform world music that blends influences from India, Africa, Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Tickets: \$12 performance day, \$10 advance

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IN THE GALLERIES

Creative Convictions

through April 30

City Hall Bridge Gallery

400 East Stewart, 2nd floor

Paintings by local artists celebrate black history, curated by Left of Center Art Gallery Director Vicki Richardson. Artists represented include Dayo Adelaja, Harold Bradford, Sylvester Collier, Earl Dunbar, E. Thurston Dunn, Helen Murphy, Ken Ruffin, Jack Wilson and Richardson herself. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

Simple Lullaby

K Stevenson

through May 16

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Stevenson's sculptures and prints explore moments quietly hidden in our mundane routines and at the edge of our waking consciousness. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

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Las Vegas Academy Student Art Exhibition

April 1-May 30

Reception: Friday, April 16, 5:30-7 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Art students from the Las Vegas Academy of International Studies, Performing and Visual Arts display works in a variety of mediums. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

Occupied Space: Connecting Artists with Public Spaces

through June 2004

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Paintings, drawings, ceramics, photography and sculpture from 23 local artists enhance the East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center as part of the City of Las Vegas Arts Commission's Art in Public Places Program. Call **229-4631** for information.

Free admission

PROGRAMS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.